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"Ye Olde Patriots Day" Planned July 4

Ye Olde Patriots Day is planned again this year by the Campbell County Bicentennial Commission's subcommittee on celebrations. The event will be on July 4 in Rustburg.

According to Mrs. Annie Cardwell, Celebrations Committee Chairman, the day's events will begin with a Parade at one o'clock. Mrs. Lucy Williams, one of Brookneal's and Campbell County's outstanding citizens, has agreed to serve as Parade Marshall. The parade will feature old cars, floats, martial music, the Spindle Spinners, and lots of politicians. If your organization has not been contacted and would like to participate, contact Parade Chairman Carter Elliott, Jr. in Rustburg.

The highlight of the celebration will be a speech by Congressman Dan Daniel. Daniel is an expecially good choice for a Patriots Day celebration with his involvement in the Armed Forces and the American Legion. Another feature of the program will be recognition of the outstanding winners in the Bicentennial Schools Contest especially the essay winners. This afternoon program will be on the grounds of Rustburg Middle School at two o'clock.

At seven o'clock a musical program on the Rustburg Middle School grounds will feature local talent and audience participation to conclude the day's events for Ye Olde Patriots Day.

Historical exhibits and exhibits of the outstanding entries in the Bicentennial School Contest arts and crafts and poster sections will be available in Rustburg Middle School during the day. The Campbell County Recreation Department will be supervising games and contests - egg throws, three legged races, a greased pig race, a greased pole with money on the top, and soft ball and volley ball.

Campbell County plates, pictorial composites, and wooden nickels will be available at the school. Campbell County Senior Services Program will have a booth with handcrafted items, bonnets, pickles, placemats and quilted items for sale.

Ruritan Auction Big Success

Three thousand dollars in gross sales changed hands in Oakville Saturday, June 21 at the fourth annual OAKVILLE RURITAN community auction. The auction was well attended and its success was due to the excellent support of the many buyers and sellers, M & M Auction Company, and Appomattox individuals and businesses that donated and consigned items.

Proceeds from the sale, estimated at over $600, will be used by the Ruritans for community service projects. A child from Appomattox County will be sent this year to Camp Easter Seal as a result of efforts by the Ruritans.

The Oakville Ruritans express their sincere appreciation to all who took part in the auction. A special thanks to M & M Auction Company, which once again conducted the auction free as a community service, and to the many businesses which donated items: Appomattox Farmers Supply, Appomattox Garment Company, Appomattox Hardware, Appomattox Farmers Supply, Appomattox Garment Company, Appomattox Hardware, Appomattox Radio & TV, Carpet House, Dixie Blend, Moses Motor Company, Poe Hardware, Superior Trees, Thomasville Furniture Industries, Times-Virginian, Inc., Western Auto, Wilbuns and others.

Shown above is a brand-new triple dresser donated by THOMASVILLE FURNITURE INDUSTRIES to the Oakville Ruritan Club for their auction held June 21. This is but an example of the many new and like-new items which sold at the big auction in Oakville.

The Pastor Speaks

July 3, 1975

Gibbon in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" lists five reasons for the fall of the Empire: (1) The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society (2) Higher and higher taxes and the spending of the public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace (3) The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and brutal (4) The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within the decadence of the people and, (5) The decay of religion; faith fading into form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to guide the people.

Almost without question America is the greatest country on the face of this earth. The real question is - How long will its greatness continue? I believe that the answer to that frightening question depends upon the people of America herself. How long will we as a nation "under God" continue to turn our backs toward God in disobedience and disrespect? When will we as individual citizens wake up to the fact that God demands first place not only in the church buildings on Sunday, but in the office building and every other place during the week as well. God wants a dwelling place in the hearts of all earth's citizens. He wants them to accept by faith Jesus Christ, His unique Son, as their Savior and as their Lord.

Between now and July 4, 1976, millions of Americans will join together in celebrating the bicentennial of our nation. Oh, that between now and July 4, 1976, millions would turn toward God, repenting of their sins and accepting Christ as their Savior and Lord. Christ is the answer to America's problems.

Ben Franklin once said, "And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no loner need His assistance? I have lived a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

H. Doyle Chauncey, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For July 6, 1975

Topic: The Need for Christian Growth
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; 2 Peter 1:3-11

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18.

No one argues the need for physical or mental growth. The need for intellectual and spiritual growth should be equally obvious. As one is born a baby physically, mentally, and intellectually, so one who experiences a new birth in Jesus Christ, which the ologians term regeneration, is born a baby spiritually. A person experiences the operation of the grace of God in his life in regeneration, but his knowledge of God is only elementary. Hence the need for the believer to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." In regeneration he meets God, but he does not come to know Him fully in that encounter. When one person meets another, he "knows" him in the initial sense, but in years of friendship and association each come to know the other in a much fuller way.

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he describes two kinds of men, the unspiritual man and the spiritual man. He also points out two stages of growth in the spiritual man, his spiritual infancy, at which stage the Christians in Corinth were, and spiritual maturity. In the Scriptural portrayal, spiritual growth is not a progression of a person from unspiritual nature through spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity. The transition from unspiritual to spiritual, even spiritual infancy, is accomplished through regeneration, and this is the work of God. The clear teaching of the Scriptures, the word of God given to people, is that a person cannot save himself, but can be saved only through God's intervention for his deliverance from sin.

Once born again, however, the individual must assume responsibility together with his fellow believers, for spiritual growth. While he grows in and through the grace of God, he must seek guidance for growth and must engage in self-cultivation to promote growth. Paul sees the babe in Christ behaving as the unspiritual man, so much so that he could not address these new Christians in Corinth as spiritual men.

The need for spiritual growth is evident in Paul's classifications. If one is to develop to his potential in any aspect of living - - physical, mental, intellectual, spiritual - - he must grow. The need for growth is a fundamental law of life. We immediately recognize tragedy in the person who for some reason fails to grow, or to grow properly, physically or mentally. It is equally tragic, though not always so recognized, for a person to fail to grow intellectually, that is, in knowledge and understanding. It is also equally tragic, and the tragedy is most rarely recognized for a person to fail to grow spiritually.

The goal of Christian growth is the topic of next week's International Sunday School lesson. The importance of reaching that goal shows why Christian growth is necessary. Unless the believer grows "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" he cannot attain the goal and the maturity which produces in the growing life the fruits of the Spirit.

Jesus showed the need for spiritual growth in comparing the vine and branches to Himself and His disciples (not only those then but believers of all times). He showed the necessity for growth, both natural growth and cultivation, to produce fruit. The branches produce fruit because they grow out of the vine, through which they receive life and sustenance, and which in turn was rotted in the soil: the caretaker of the vineyard cultivates the vine and prunes the branches.

It is equally necessary for growth in the Christian life for the believer to grow out of the stock from which he receives spiritual life and sustenance. Jesus Christ is from God, and so it is from God through Christ that the believer receives spiritual life and sustenance. Discipline, to which pruning of the branches is comparable, is necessary for the [illegible] bear the good fr[illegible] should be the goal [illegible] (Based on [illegible] lines produced by the [illegible] tee on the Uniform [illegible] used by permission.)

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Carla wishes to thank everyone for the support given her while serving as State President.

Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore visited in the home of Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel Thursday night.

Glad to report Mrs. William Burcher is home from the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Lloyd Doss was rushed to the hospital on Friday. We hope he is better.

The Oakville Extension Homemakers Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on July 3 at the Oakville School.

Sorry to report Mrs. Roland Smith is in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Dinner guests on Sunday of Mrs. Maggie Gardner and Ethel were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Covington and Jane Russell. Afternoon visitors at the Gardner home were Mr. Allen Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Almond.

Mr. Warren Martin, of California, is spending several weeks visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Martin, and other relatives.

Sympathy is extended the Robert Wilbun family.

SPRINGFIELD

Rev. Roger Ford, of Madison Heights, Va., will preach at Springfield Baptist Church, Appomattox County, Va. the second Sunday evening in July, 1975 at 7 p.m. Program is sponsored by Deacon Louis Ferguson. Come one, come all!

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